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* SEVERAL RULES, ORDERS, AND BY-LAWS made and agreed upon by the Free-Holders and Inhabitants of Boston of the Massachusetts, at their Meeting May, 12. and September 22. 1701. And Approved by his Majesties Justices for the County of Suffolk, at their General Quarter Sessions held at Boston, August 5th. and October 27th. next following. Annoque regni Regis Gulielmi tertii Angliæ, etc. decimo tertio. Boston: Printed by Bartholomew Green, and John Allen, for Benjamin Eliot, 1702 (small 4to, pp. 13. and 1 page of errata). With supplements, pp. 15-18 for 1702-1711; pp. 19-24 for 1714; pp. 25-36 for 1719-1725 (with a separate title in addition); and pp. 37-44 for 1725-1728. RARE BOOKS XH.702.B65S

* THE BY-LAWS AND ORDERS of the Town of Boston; in the Province of the Massachusetts-Bay, now in force. Revised in the year 1758. Boston: Printed and sold by Green & Russell, 1758 (small 4to, pp. 16); 300 copies printed. RARE BOOKS XH.94.14 1758

* THE BY-LAWS AND TOWN-ORDERS of the Town of Boston, made and passed at several Meetings in 1785 and 1786. And duly approved by the Court of Sessions. Boston: Printed by Edmund Freeman, 1786, pp. 161 (pp. 159 and 160 being blank), and 6 pages of index, 8vo. RARE BOOKS XH.94.14 1786 = JS604.A3/1786

* THE BY-LAWS AND ORDERS of the Town of Boston, passed at a legal Town-Meeting, May 22, 1801; and duly approved by the Court of Sessions: Together with the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Health. Also, Sundry Laws of the Commonwealth relating to Town Affairs. Boston: Manning & Loring, 1801, 12mo, pp. 82, and 2 pages of index. RARE BOOKS XH94.14 1801 = JS604.A3/1801

* THE BY-LAWS AND ORDERS of the Town of Boston, passed at several legal Town Meetings, and duly approved by the Court of Sessions: Together with Rules and Orders passed by the Selectmen. The Rules and Regulations of the Board of Health. Also, Sundry Laws of the Commonwealth, and other important information relating to the Town of Boston. Published under the direction of the Selectmen. Boston: Andrew J. Allen, 1818, 12mo, pp. 244.

RARE BOOKS XH.94.14 1818

FIRST REVISION.

THE CHARTER of the City of Boston, and ORDINANCES made and established by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council, with such Acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts, as relate to the Government of said City. Compiled and arranged in pursuance of an order of the City Council. Boston: True and Greene, City Printers, 1827, 8vo, pp. 260, and xv of index (250 copies printed). (Commonly known as the first revision.) 6351.80 = 6358.1

NOTE. — The annual "Rules and Orders of the Common Council," from 1830 to 1840, and the annual issues of the "Municipal Register" from 1841 to 1863, except in 1843 and 1860, contain the recent ordinances, and also the latest acts of the Commonwealth relating to Boston.

SECOND REVISION.

THE CHARTER AND ORDINANCES of the City of Boston, together with the Acts of the Legislature relating to the City. Collated and revised, pursuant to an order of the City Council, by Thomas Wetmore and Edward G. Prescott, Commissioners. Boston: J. H. Eastburn, City Printer, 1834, 8vo, pp. 300, and xxvii of index. (Commonly known as the second revision.) 6351.81 = 6351.81A

THE ORDINANCES of the City of Boston, passed since the year 1834, together with the Acts of the Legislature relating to the City, since that period; being a "SUPPLEMENT to the City Charter and

Ordinances." Published by order of the City Council. Boston: John H. Eastburn, City Printer, 1843, large 8vo, pp. 75, and iv of index.

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THIRD REVISION.

THE CHARTER AND ORDINANCES of the City of Boston, together with the Acts of the Legislature relating to the City: Collated and revised, pursuant to an order of the City Council, by Peleg W. Chandler. Boston: John H. Eastburn, City Printer, 1850, large 8vo, pp. xxix and 582. (Commonly known as the third revision.)

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FOURTH REVISION.

THE CHARTER AND ORDINANCES of the City of Boston, together with the Acts of the Legislature relating to the City, and an Appendix. Published by order of the City Council. Boston: Moore & Crosby, City Printers, 1856, large 8vo, pp. xxxv and 793. (Commonly known as the fourth revision.)

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FIFTH REVISION.

THE CHARTER AND ORDINANCES of the City of Boston, together with the Acts of the Legislature relating to the City and other municipal laws. Published by order of the City Council. Boston: J. E. Farwell & Co., Printers to the City, 1864, large 8vo, pp. xvii and 958. (Commonly known as the fifth revision.)

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NOTE. — An annual supplement of ORDINANCES and ACTS, ordered on December 4, 1863, was issued from 1865 to 1869, being paged consecutively from 1 to 365.

6351.87 (2 vols)

A SUPPLEMENT to the Laws and Ordinances of the City of Boston. Prepared and printed under the direction of the Committee on Ordinances. Boston: J. E. Farwell & Company, Printers to the City, 1866, large 8vo, pp. vii, 340, viii, 157, and 21.

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SIXTH REVISION.

ORDINANCES AND RULES AND ORDERS of the City of Boston together with the general and special Statutes of the Massachusetts Legislature relating to the City. Published by order of the City Council. Boston: Alfred Mudge & Son, 1869, large 8vo, pp. ix and 829. (Commonly known as the sixth revision.)

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ORDINANCES AND RULES AND ORDERS of the City of Boston, passed between the 1st Jan., 1870, and the 1st Aug., 1874. Published by order of the City Council. Boston: Rockwell and Churchill, City Printers, 1874, large 8vo, pp. 146. 6351.90

ORDINANCES of the City of Boston, and ACTS of the Legislature of Massachusetts, on municipal subjects. Published by order of the City Council. Boston: Alfred Mudge & Son, since 1872 Rockwell and Churchill, City Printers, 1871-76, large 8vo, pp. 334 and 160 (being the six annual supplements for 1870-75, issued under an order of December 31, 1869). 1870, 72+73 in 6351.89
1874 in 6351.91

SEVENTH REVISION.

ORDINANCES AND RULES AND ORDERS of the City of Boston. Together with a Digest of the General and Special Statutes of the Massachusetts Legislature relating to the City. Published by order of the City Council. Boston: Rockwell and Churchill, City Printers, 1876, large 8vo, pp. viii and 1023. (Commonly known as the seventh revision.) 6351.92

ORDINANCES of the City of Boston, and STATUTES of the Legislature of Massachusetts, on municipal subjects. Published by order of the City Council. Boston: Rockwell and Churchill, City Printers, 1878-1882, large 8vo, pp. 241 (being the annual supplements for 1877-81; issued under the order of December 31, 1869). 6351.93
in 2 vols lack 1880

REVISED ORDINANCES of the City of Boston, and Revised Standing Regulations of the Board of Aldermen. Boston: Rockwell and Churchill, City Printers, 1883, 8vo, pp. vi. and 137 (being the text, without notes and index; published as document 17 of 1883). 6351.95

EIGHTH REVISION.

THE REVISED ORDINANCES of the City of Boston, as passed prior to December 31, 1882: Being the eighth revision. To which are added the Revised Regulations of the Board of Aldermen. Published by order of the City Council. Boston: Rockwell and Churchill, City Printers, 1882 [should be 1883], large 8vo, pp. xi and 242. (Many copies have a specially wide margin.) 6351.94

NOTE.—Annual supplements of 12 pages each were issued in 1884 and 1885 for 1883 and 1884, respectively. In 1883 there was issued a supplement of 11 pages containing the ordinances passed during the first half of the year. 6351.96

REVISED ORDINANCES of 1885. City of Boston. Boston: Rockwell and Churchill, City Printers, 1885, 8vo, pp. iv and 155 (being the text, without notes and index; this edition is Document 169 of 1885). 6356.1 Doc 169/1885

NINTH REVISION.

THE REVISED ORDINANCES of 1885, of the City of Boston, as passed and approved December 14, 1885. With Amendments to May 1, 1886: Being the ninth revision. To which are added the Revised Standing Regulations of the Board of Aldermen. Published by order of the City Council. Boston: Rockwell and Churchill, City Printers, 1886, large 8vo, pp. x and 275. (Commonly known as the ninth revision.) 6351.97 3 copies c.3 is annotated by city personnel

NOTE. — A supplement of 22 pages and ii of index was published in 1887, and contains the ordinances passed in 1885 and 1886. A supplement of 44 pages, published in 1888, contains the ordinances passed in 1885-1887. A supplement of 11 pages, published in 1889, contains the ordinances passed in 1888. A supplement of 13 pages, published in 1890, contains the ordinances passed in 1889. 6351.98 bound in one volume

TENTH REVISION.

THE REVISED ORDINANCES of 1890 of the City of Boston, as passed and approved April 21, 1890. Being the tenth revision. To which are added the Revised Standing Regulations of the Board of Aldermen. Published by order of the City Council. Boston: Rockwell and Churchill, City Printers, 1890, 8vo, pp. xi and 188. 6351.99 SUPPLEMENTED BY ORDINANCES PASSED IN 1890, and 1890-91 2 copies
ELEVENTH REVISION. on 6351.100

THE REVISED ORDINANCES of 1892 of the City of Boston, and the Revised Regulations of 1892 of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston. Being the Eleventh Revision. Published by order of the City Council. Boston: Rockwell and Churchill, City Printers, 1892, 8vo, pp. xii and 227. 6351.101

ELEVENTH REVISION, SECOND EDITION.

THE REVISED ORDINANCES of 1892 of the City of Boston, and the Revised Regulations of 1892 of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston. Being the eleventh revision, second edition, containing all Ordinances passed between March 3, 1892, and January 30, 1894, and all Regulations of the Board of Aldermen passed between July 22,

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1892, and January 30, 1894. Published by order of the City Council. Boston: Rockwell and Churchill, City Printers, 1894. 8vo, pp. xiv and 236. 6351.102 = 6351.102A

ELEVENTH REVISION, THIRD EDITION.

THE REVISED ORDINANCES of 1892, of the City of Boston, and the Revised Regulations of 1892, of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston. Being the eleventh revision, third edition, containing all Ordinances passed between March 3, 1892, and February 1, 1895, and all Regulations of the Board of Aldermen passed between July 22, 1892, and February 1, 1895. Prepared by Andrew J. Bailey, Corporation Counsel, and published by order of the City Council. Boston: Rockwell and Churchill, City Printers. 1895. 8vo, pp. xiv and 236.

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TWELFTH REVISION.

THE REVISED ORDINANCES of 1898 of the City of Boston and the Revised Regulations of 1898 of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston. Being the twelfth revision, with all the Ordinances and Regulations passed between the passage of the Revised Ordinances of 1892 and the passage of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, tables showing the disposition of prior Ordinances and Regulations, and an Index. Prepared by Andrew J. Bailey, Corporation Counsel, and published by order of the City Council. Boston: Rockwell and Churchill, Printers. 1898. 8vo, pp. xiv and 278.

6351.104 (2 copies)

TWELFTH REVISION, SECOND EDITION.

THE REVISED ORDINANCES of 1898 of the City of Boston and the Revised Regulations of 1898 of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston. Being the twelfth revision, second edition, with all the Ordinances and Regulations passed between the passage of the Revised Ordinances of 1892 and the Revised Regulations of 1892 and June 1, 1900, the date of the second edition of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, with tables showing the disposition of prior Ordinances and Regulations, and an Index. Prepared by Edward J. Donovan, City Clerk. Published by order of the City Council. Boston: Municipal Printing Office. 1900. 8vo, pp. xiv. and 280.

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TWELFTH REVISION, THIRD EDITION.

THE REVISED ORDINANCES of 1898 of the City of Boston, and the Revised Regulations of 1898 of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston. Being the twelfth revision, third edition, together with all the Ordinances passed between July 18, 1898, and June 1, 1902, and all the Regulations passed between August 5, 1898, and June 1, 1902. Prepared by Edward J. Donovan, City Clerk. Published by order of the City Council. Boston: Municipal Printing Office. 1902. 8vo, p. xvi. and p. 252. 6351.106 (2copies)

TWELFTH REVISION, FOURTH EDITION.

THE REVISED ORDINANCES of 1898 of the City of Boston, and the Revised Regulations of 1898 of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston. Being the twelfth revision, fourth edition, together with all the Ordinances passed between July 18, 1898, and January 1, 1905, and all the Regulations passed between August 5, 1898, and January 1, 1905. Prepared by Edward J. Donovan, City Clerk. Published by order of the City Council. Boston: Municipal Printing Office. 1905. 8vo, p. xvi. and p. 268. 6351.107 (2copies)

TWELFTH REVISION, FIFTH EDITION.

THE REVISED ORDINANCES of 1898 of the City of Boston, and the Revised Regulations of 1898 of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston. Being the twelfth revision, fourth edition, together with all the Ordinances passed between July 18, 1898, and January 1, 1905, and all the Regulations passed between August 5, 1898, and January 1, 1905, and a supplement containing the Ordinances and Regulations passed in 1905, 1906 and 1907. Prepared by John T. Priest, Assistant City Clerk. Published by order of the City Council. Boston: Municipal Printing Office. 1908. 8vo, p. xvi. and p. 294. 6351.108

TWELFTH REVISION, SIXTH EDITION.

THE REVISED ORDINANCES of 1898 of the City of Boston, and the Revised Regulations of 1898 of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston. Being the twelfth revision, sixth edition, together with all the Ordinances passed between July 18, 1898, and November 1, 1908, and all the Regulations passed between August 5, 1898, and November 1, 1908. Prepared by John T. Priest, City Clerk. Published by order of the City Council. Boston: Municipal Printing Office. 1908. 8vo, p. xvi. and p. 292. 6351.108R

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CHAPTER 2.

THE MAYOR.

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SECTION 1.* The mayor shall appoint heads of departments and members of municipal boards and fill vacancies therein in the manner provided by law. He shall, in the municipal year in which the term of the incumbent expires, appoint the following officers, to serve for the terms hereinafter specified:

For the term of three years, beginning with the first day of May in the year of appointment: four overseers of the public welfare.

For the term of four years, beginning with the first day of May in the year of appointment: the fire commissioner, the corporation counsel, and the penal institutions commissioner.

* As amended by Ord. 1968, c. 14, s. 1.

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